

**Summary of the Minutes**  
**December 15, 2014 Meeting**  
**City of Binghamton Shade Tree Commission**  
**PHCD Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

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**Commissioners Present:** Dick Andrus (Chair), Joshua DeMaree, Julian Shepherd, Carolyn Wilczinski, Lou Sebesta

**Commissioners Absent:** Beverly Rainforth (excused)

**Staff Liaison:** Melissa Enoch (Planning)

**Guests:** None

**Selection of scribe:** Carolyn Wilczinski

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** Minutes from November 17, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**Next meeting date and time:** February 17, 2015 @ 7:00 PM (January meeting canceled).

1. City Site Plans
  - a. 285 Main Street - VA facility – former Weis Market, Main St. Trees not specifically identified in the plans. Melissa will request specific tree species as well as a calculation of % cover from the developer.
2. Green Stormwater Management and Landscaping Fund (GSMLF)
  - a. Status of previous applications: all have been completed.
  - b. Johnson Ave project was submitted to the Chesapeake Stormwater Network as a “Best Urban in BMP in the Bay Area” (BUBBA)
  - c. Applications to review:

GSMLF -011 Water St: Ellis Brothers Customer Parking. Applicants requested funds for pavers and landscaping and STC members approved the proposal. Ellis Brothers will also apply for another big grant through STC.
  - d. A rain barrel workshop has been approved by the grant funders.
3. Citizen Pruner Program
  - a. Three returning citizen pruners and 2 new volunteers attended the workshop.

- b. Brush pickup and how to disposed of debris from pruning was discussed: Brush pickup occurs only between March and November suspended during the winter. Josh will ask Bill what to do with the clippings before the next pruning.

4. Administration

- a. Appointments: Lou, Josh, Carolyn and Julian's appointments to the STC end in December. Melissa will email planning director to inquire about reappointment.
- b. Tree planting: Tree planting went well this year because the list was narrowed to 2 big trees and 2 small trees. Revision of the tree list will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Other

- a. Arbor Day will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Melissa will invite Bill to the February meeting to discuss some concerns about trees in city parks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.